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Under the Tunney Act, I wish to comment on the proposed Microsoft settlement.

This settlement is widely perceived as a non-punishment for Microsoft. By allowing this settlement to go forward, the government sends the message that it is ok to break corporate law because you will not truly be punished for it. Many computer enthusiasts and business people are watching this trial and will base future behaviour around the outcome. If Microsoft is given a non-punishing settlement, people will reason that it is ok to commit a crime so long as you have the clout to avoid punishment. The courts must enforce a real punishment on what has been proven to be a real crime.

If the courts do not enforce a truly behaviour changing penalty on Microsoft the rule of law over corporate america will be drastically weakened. A capitalist system depends on the rule of law to ensure a level playing field and promote competition. The people of the United States have charged the justice system with ensuring fair capitalist competition. Please do not let us down.

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